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REMARKS

Claims 27, 41 and 44-48 are before the examiner.

Applicant respectfully requests that the instant application be reconsidered in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 41 and 44-47 have been amended. No Claims have been cancelled or deleted. Claim 48 has been added. Claim 48 was originally claim 5 and had been previously cancelled.

The undersigned expresses appreciation for the indication of claims 27 and 44-47 being allowable. Claim 41 has been rejected.

Claim 41 has been finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 41 has been cancelled. In view of the amendment it is respectfully asked that this rejection be removed.

Claim 41 has been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 27 - 32 of copending Application No 07/973,261, now U.S. Patent No. 7,041,841. Claim 41 has been cancelled.

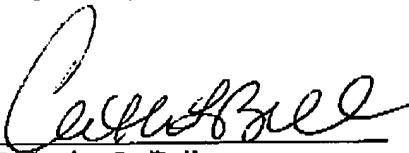
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections to the claims be removed, and the claims, as amended be passed to allowance.

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